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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL PROCUREMENT WITH UK

1. IN MARCH 12 MEETING WITH MICHAEL MACDONALD, DSAA, REGGIE ANDERSON, ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY FOR SALES, MADE SEVERAL POINTS. ON HARPOON, MINISTERS WERE DUE TO TAKE UP MATTER OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE LAST WEEK. HOWEVER, MATTER HAS BEEN DEFERRED AWAITING WASHINGTON DECISION ON MOU WITH UK COVERING RECIPROCAL PROCUREMENT. ANDERSON STRONGLY EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY, FROM UK VIEWPOINT, OF TABLINGFOR NEGOTIATIONS ASAP OF DRAFT MOU.

2. AS TO MK 44 TORPEDOES, ANDERSON CLAIMS THAT DR. ASHRAF MARRWAN (PRESIDENT SADAT'S SPECIAL ADVISER ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETINGS OF SADAT AND SECSTATE) TOLD BRITS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD AGREED TO RELEASE OF MK 44 TORPEDO FOR UK SALE TO EGYPT. THE BRITS MANUFACTURE THE MK 44 UNDER LICENSE AND WANT TO SUPPLY THEM TO EGYPT WITH SEA KING HELICOPTERS.

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3. ON THE GENERAL MATTER OF OFFSET, ANDERSON RE-EMPHA-

SIZED POINTS HE MADE IN DECEMBER TALKS WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ELLSWORTH URGING AGAIN HMG'S STRONG DESIRE TO
ACHIEVE A FORMAL RECIPROCAL PROCUREMENT UNDERSTANDING WITH
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